

Mini Grants Information

Mini-grants will not exceed \$10,000 and their purpose will be to enhance water resource deliverables from 1890 institutions. Representatives of coalition institutions as well as those from other 1890 Land Grant Universities will be eligible for the mini-grants.

An award will be for one (1) calendar year.

At least three (3) mini-grants will be awarded per year.

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Facilitation of 1890 Institutions' Water Resource Education, Extension and Research Efforts

National Facilitation Project

Applying knowledge to improve
water quality

A Partnership of USDA CSREES &
Land Grant Colleges and
Universities



Background CSREES Water Program

The Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES) National Integrated Water (quality and quantity) Program is supported by funding through section 406 of the Agricultural, Research, Extension and Education Reform Act of 1998 (AREERA) (7 U.S.C. 7626).

Through this program CSREES brings university scientists, instructors and extension educators into more effective and efficient partnerships with federal interagency priority programs while addressing water resource issues in U.S. Agriculture. The program also provides the flexibility necessary for CSREES to bring the resources of researchers, instructors and extension educators into national initiatives and programmatic partnerships that target evolving water quality and water quantity needs.

CSREES National Integrated water (quality and quantity) program established a competitive grant process that is composed of four major funding categories:

- Extension Education Projects
- Integrated Projects (Research/Extension/Education)
- National Facilitation Projects
- Regional Coordination Projects

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSREES National Integrated Water Quality Program, please visit the Website at <http://www.usawaterquality.org/>.

Or

Contact Dr. Mike O'Neill, National Program Leader for Water Quality
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This project is funded for four (4) years as a National Facilitation Project. National Facilitation Projects coordinate programs that contribute to an increase in public understanding and involvement in community decision-making that facilitate the development of public policy on water resources issues.

SITUATION

There is a strong interest in water resource education, extension and research at most of the 1890 Institutions. Recognizing the strong interest in, and commitment to providing water resource programming to underserved audiences in rural and urbanizing communities nationwide, the 1890s establish a water resource network of education, extension and research personnel. The coalition will increase the involvement of the 1890 Land-Grant Universities (LGUs) in the USDA-CSREES National Water Resource Program as well as build on mutually beneficial partnerships between 1862 and 1994 LGUs. Such partnerships would build upon common goals and interests shared by minority-serving land grant institutions with water quality programs, while at the same time, drawing upon the diversity of resources and expertise found among the 1862 institutions.

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COALITION INSTITUTIONS

The coalition involves ten (10) of the eighteen 1890 institutions that currently have water quality research or extension programs:

- Alabama A&M University
- Alcorn State University
- Florida A&M University
- Langston University
- North Carolina A&T State University
- South Carolina State University
- Tennessee State University
- Tuskegee University
- University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- Virginia State University



The other 1890 institutions will be encouraged to join as they begin to build their capacity in the water resource arena.

OBJECTIVES

1. To involve the 1890 water resource coalition with USDA-CSREES water quality programs and with other land grant universities and colleges' water resource network
2. To identify and compile existing water resource education, research and extension capacities at the 1890 institutions
3. To establish water quality and quantity mini-grants agreements that include the coalition members and the rest of the 1890 Land-Grant Universities.